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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Pre-Appeal Brief filed on 2/13/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 37 and 39.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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Examiner's reasons for allowance

The claimed invention is drawn to a method of treating a convulsive disorder comprising administration of isovaleramide to a patient suffering from a convulsive disorder, wherein the convulsive disorder is selected from the group consisting of simple partial seizures, complex partial seizures, generalized tonic-clonic seizures, secondarily generalized seizures, status epilepticus and trauma-induced seizures and a method of treating headaches comprising administration of isovaleramide. Applicant teaches that the administration of isovaleramide decreases the expression of amygdala-kindled seizures in fully kindled rats (Examples 5 and 6). The closest prior art is Balandrin et al. (U.S. Patent 5,506,268), Drug Facts and Comparisons 1999 ed. Pgs. 1595-1597, and Pharmacotherapy, A Pathophysiologic Approach (Dipiro et al. 2nd ed. Elsevier, 1991, pgs. 132, and 1238).

Balandrin et al. teach isovaleramide as an effective anxiolytic agent that decreases spontaneous locomotor activity but does not teach that isovaleramide decreases convulsive disorders. Drug facts teaches that diazepam is an anxiolytic that is an anti-convulsant to treat status epilepticus and recurrent convulsive seizures but does not teach anything about isovaleramide. The above mentioned prior art does not teach the use of isovaleramide to treat convulsive disorders selected from the group consisting of simple partial seizures, complex partial seizures, generalized tonic-clonic seizures, secondarily generalized seizures, status epilepticus and trauma-induced seizures; therefore, the use of isovaleramide for the treatment of convulsive disorder is novel and non-obvious. Further, Pharmacotherapy teaches that headache is a

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symptom associated with premenstrual syndrome. It is also taught that a known anxiolytic agent, alprazolam, is useful in treating premenstrual syndrome but there is no teaching of isovaleramide. Because the prior art does not teach the use of isovaleramide for the treatment of headaches, it is therefore novel and non-obvious.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Renee Claytor whose telephone number is 571-272-8394. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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